

action of Congress at their last session, an expedition consisting of two vessels, one of which is propelled by steam, had sailed from New York, on the 4th of the present month, to the Polar regions in search of the party of Dr. Kane. The course proposed is through Baffin's bay, and up Smith's sound to the ice-barrier, where one vessel may be left, while the other proceeds through accidental openings as far as practicable, when the search will be prosecuted by means of sledges. The expedition took out with them a monument of marble, furnished by the liberality of Mr. Grinnell, of New York—with an appropriate epitaph, by Lady Franklin, to the lost explorers of Sir John Franklin's party.

The amendment to the laws of the Society, proposed at last meeting, was adopted as follows: In Chap. I. Art. 10, add the words "and pay their admission fee," after the word "laws," in the third line of the Article: making the amended clause to read as follows: "Members elect, residing within ten miles of the Hall, shall lose the right of membership unless they subscribe the laws *and pay their admission fee*, within one year after their election.

The Committee appointed on the subject of re-engraving the seal of the Society reported progress.

Mr. Fraley, Dr. Dunglison and Mr. Trego were announced as a Committee on the application of the fund advanced by the City to the Society, in aid of astronomical observations.

Mr. Trego, as reporter to the Society, laid on the table No. 53 of the Proceedings, recently published.

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*Stated Meeting, July 20.*

Present, thirteen members.

JUDGE KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. E. J. Lewis, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From Mr. Edward Stanley, dated London, Brook street,

Grosvenor Square, June 2, 1854; and from E. J. Lewis, dated Philadelphia, July 16, 1855, acknowledging the receipt of notice of their election as members of the Society:—

From the Imperial Royal Institute of Science, Letters and Arts, dated Venice, May 16, 1855, soliciting an exchange of publications with this Society:—

From the Upper Lusatian Society of Sciences, and from Dr. Th. Neumann, dated Görlitz, Dec. 3, 1854; from the Royal Saxon Society of Sciences, dated Leipsic, April 20, 1855; from the Imperial Academy of Sciences, at Vienna, dated May 1, 1855; from the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences, dated Munich, May 8, 1855; and from the Department of State, dated Washington, July 6, 1855,—severally announcing donations for the library:—

From the Royal Society of Sciences at Upsal, dated Dec. 14, 1854, returning thanks for Parts 2, 3, Vol. X. of the Transactions, and Nos. 48–50 of the Proceedings of this Society:—

From the Royal Society of Sciences at Göttingen, dated March 15, 1855, communicating thanks for Vol. X. Part 3 of the Transactions, and Nos. 49, 50 of the Proceedings: and—

From the Connecticut Historical Society, dated Hartford, June 9, 1855; from the Corporation of Harvard College, Cambridge, of the same day; from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, dated Philadelphia, June 15, 1855; from the Trustees of the New York State Library, dated Albany, June 16, 1855; and from the Boston Society of Natural History, dated Boston, June 22, 1855,—severally acknowledging the receipt of No. 53 of the Proceedings of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

#### FOR THE LIBRARY.

Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy. Vol. XXII. Part 5. Dublin, 1855. 4to.

Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy, for 1853–4. Vol. VI. Part 1. 8vo.

Instructions for making Meteorological and Tidal Observations: prepared by the Council of the Royal Irish Academy. Dublin, 1850. 8vo.— *From the Academy.*

- Verzeichnis Oberlausitzischer Urkunden. Band I. Vom Jahre 965 bis 1490. Band II. 1490–1803. Görlitz. 4to.
- Die Bibliothek der Oberlausitzischen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften. Görlitz. 1819. 4to.
- Scriptores Rerum Lusaticarum. Sammlung Ober-und Nieder-lausitzischer Geschichtschreiber. Herausgegeben von der Oberlausitzischen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften. Band I. II. III. Görlitz. 1837–1852. 8vo.
- Neues Lausisches Magazin: im Auftrage der Oberlausitzischen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, besorgt durch deren Sekretair. Band XXII.–XXXI. Görlitz. 1846–1854. 8vo.
- Geschichte der Oberlausitzischen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften in den ersten 50 Jahren. Ein Jubelschrift zur dritten Säkularfeier derselben am 16 Aug. 1854. Von C. G. Th. Neumann, Sekretair, &c. Görlitz. 8vo.—*From the Upper Lusatian Society of Sciences.*
- Nachrichten von der Georg-Augusts-Universität und der Königl. Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen. Vom Jahre, 1854. Nos. 1–17. Göttingen. 8vo.—*From the Royal Society of Sciences at Göttingen.*
- The African Repository. Vol. XXXI. No. 6. June, 1855. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Am. Colonization Society.*
- Sixty-eighth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York;—made to the Legislature March 1, 1855. Albany. 8vo.
- Eighth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, on the Condition of the State Cabinet of Natural History, and of the Historical and Antiquarian Collection annexed thereto:—Made to the Senate, Jan. 15, 1855. Albany. 8vo.—*From the Regents.*
- Annual Report of the Trustees of the State Library of the State of New York: transmitted to the Legislature, March 1, 1855. Albany. 8vo.—*From the Trustees.*
- Almanaque Nautico para el año 1856, calculado de orden de S. M. en el Observatorio de Marina de la Ciudad de San Fernando. S. Fernando, 1854. 8vo.—*From the Marine Observatory of San Fernando.*
- Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, in Boston, April 25, 1855. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXX. No. 1. July, 1855. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.  
Vol. VII. No. 9. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*

Third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library of  
New Bedford, March 31, 1855. New Bedford. 8vo.—*From the  
Trustees.*

Transactions of the State Agricultural Society, for the year 1854 ;  
with Reports of the County Societies for the same year. Hart-  
ford. 8vo.

Thirty-first Annual Report of the Officers of the Retreat for the In-  
sane, at Hartford, Connecticut, April, 1855. Hartford. 8vo.

Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Directors of the American Asy-  
lum at Hartford, for the Education and Instruction of the Deaf  
and Dumb: Presented to the Asylum, May 12, 1855. Hartford.  
8vo.

History of the Church in Newington:—its Doctrines,—its Minis-  
ters,—its Experience,—presented in the Discourse delivered on  
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1855, by J. Brace, D.D. on his relinquishment  
of active service at the close of half a century from his ordina-  
tion in that place. Hartford. 8vo.—*From the Connecticut His-  
torical Society.*

Sitzungsberichte der K. Akademie der Wissenschaften. Phil. Hist.  
Classe, Band XIII. 3 Heft: XIV. 1, 2 Heft: XV. 1 Heft.—Math.  
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nach der Akademie, V. Jahrgang, 1855. Wien. 8vo.—*From  
the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Vienna.*

Gelehrte Anzeigen: herausgegeben von Mitgliedern der K. Bayeris-  
chen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Band XXXIX. München,  
1854. 4to.

Almanach der Akademie, für das Jahr 1855. 8vo.

Denkrede auf die Akademiker Dr. Thaddeus Siber und Dr. Geo.  
Simon Ohm: von Dr. Lamont, March 28, 1855. 4to.

Annalen der Königlichen Sternwarte bei München, VII. Band: he-  
rausgegeben von Dr. J. Lamont, Conservator der Sternwarte,  
&c. &c. München, 1854. 8vo.—*From the Royal Bavarian  
Academy of Sciences.*

Berichte über die Verhandlungen der K. Sächsischen Gesellschaft  
der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig. Phil. Hist. Classe, 1854, I.—VI.  
1855, I. II.

Die Stadtrechte der Lateinischen Gemeinden Salpensa und Malaca,  
in der Provinz Baetica. Von Theodor Mommsen. Leipzig. 1855.

Gedächtnissrede auf seine Majestät Friedrich August, König von Sachsen,—gehalten von E. v. Wietersheim, in der öffentlichen Sitzung der K. Sächs. Gesellschaft, Oct. 27, 1854. Leipzig. 8vo.—*From the Royal Saxon Society of Sciences.*

Schriften der in St. Petersburg gestifteten Russisch—Kaiserlichen Gesellschaft für die gesammte Mineralogie. Band I. Abth. 1, 2. St. Petersburg, 1842. 8vo.

Verhandlungen der Kaiserlich-Russischen Mineralogischen Gesellschaft zu St. Petersburg. Jahr. 1842–1846. St. Petersburg. 8vo.—*From the Smithsonian Institution, on behalf of the Imperial Mineralogical Society of St. Petersburg.*

Theorie der Sonnenfinsternisse, der durchgänge der unteren Planeten vor der Sonne, und der Sternbedeckungen für die Erde überhaupt: von J. A. Grunert, Cor. Mitgl. der K. Akad. in Wien. 1855. 4to.—*From the Author.*

Senate Journal, 1st Session, 33d Congress, 1853–4. 1 vol.

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*From the Department of State, Washington City.*

Notes on the Meteorology of Ireland, deduced from the Observations made in the year 1851, under the direction of the Royal Irish Academy. By Humphrey Lloyd, D.D. &c. Dublin, 1854. 4to.

On the Induction of Soft Iron, as applied to the determination of the changes of the Earth's Magnetic Force. Nov. 11, 1850.—On the Cyclone of Nov. 19. Dec. 9, 1850.—On the Influence of the Moon upon the position of the freely suspended Horizontal Magnet. Feb. 28, 1853.—On the Magnetic Influence of the Moon. Dec. 12, 1853. By the Rev. Humphrey Lloyd, D.D. &c. (Proc. R. I. A.)—*From the Author.*

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Second Series. Vol. XX. No. 58. July, 1855. New Haven. 8vo.—*From Profs. Siliman & Dana, Editors.*

- Report of the Cochituate Water-Board to the City Council of Boston, for 1854. Boston. 8vo.—*From Prof. E. N. Horsford.*
- The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. No. LIX. July, 1855. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Dr. Isaac Hays, Editor.*
- The Medical News and Library. Vol. XIII. No. 151. July, 1855. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*
- Chemical Examination of the Bakers' Bread of Philadelphia. By C. M. Wetherill, Ph. D. M.D. Philadelphia, 1855. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- The Florist and Horticultural Journal. Vol. IV. No. 5. Philadelphia, 1855. 8vo.—*From H. C. Hanson, Editor.*
- The Plough, the Loom and the Anvil. Vol. VII. Nos. 10, 11, 12. Apr. May, June, 1855. New York. 8vo.—*From Myron Finch, Editor.*
- Plantæ Heermannianæ. Descriptions of New Plants collected in South California, by Dr. A. L. Heerman: with remarks on other Plants heretofore described and belonging to the same collection. By E. Durand and Theo. C. Hilgard, M.D. 4to.
- Plantæ Prattenianæ Californicæ. An enumeration of a collection of California Plants, made in the vicinity of Nevada, by Henry Pratten, Esq. of New Harmony:—with critical notices and descriptions of such of them as are new or yet unpublished in America. By Elias Durand. 4to.—*From E. Durand.*

Dr. Dunglison announced the decease of Dr. J. G. Flügel, U. S. Consul at Leipsic, a member of this Society, in the 67th year of his age.

The I. R. Institute of Science, Letters and Arts, at Venice,—the Upper Lusatian Society of Sciences at Görlitz,—and the Imperial Russian Mineralogical Society at St. Petersburg, were ordered to be placed on the list of Corresponding Societies.

Dr. Bache inquired whether any of the members present had observed phenomena connected with the earthquake recently felt in the city of Baltimore and in its vicinity.

The Society next proceeded to the stated business of the meeting, the balloting for candidates for membership.

A communication was read from J. C. Van Dyke, Esq. U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, inquiring as to the terms on which the Society will dispose of their Hall to the Government of the United States, for the purpose of

holding the Courts therein:—which communication was referred to the Committee appointed in January last, to negotiate with the City Councils in relation to a sale or exchange of the Society's Hall. The Committee is instructed to report at the next stated meeting.

All other business having been concluded, the ballot boxes were opened, and the following named gentleman was declared to be duly elected a member of the Society.

ROBERT E. ROGERS, M.D. of Philadelphia.

*Stated Meeting, August 17.*

Present, six members.

The President and Vice-Presidents being absent, Mr. JUSTICE was called to the chair.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Plantæ Javanicæ Rariores, descriptæ iconibusque illustratæ, quas in Insula Java, annis 1802–1818 legit et investigavit Tho. Horsfield, M.D. E siccis descriptiones et characteres plurimarum elaboravit Joannes J. Bennett:—Observationes structuram et affinitates præsertim respicientes passim adjecit Robertus Brown. London, 1838–1852. Fol.—*From Dr. Thomas Horsfield.*

A Catalogue of Birds in the Museum of the Hon. East India Company. Vol. I. London, 1854. 8vo.—*From the Hon. Directors of the East India Company.*

Annales des Mines. V. Série. Tome VI. 3 livraison de 1854. Paris. 8vo.—*From the Engineers of l'Ecole des Mines.*

Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society. Vol. VII. No. 30. July, 1855. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXX. No. 2. Aug. 1855. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

An Examination of Prof. Agassiz's Sketch of the Natural Provinces of the Animal World, and their relation to the different Types of Man,—with a Tableau accompanying the Sketch. By John Bachman, D.D. Charleston, 1855. 8vo.—*From the Author.*